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First Church Atlanta In UCC Feature

Have you ever been asked, "The United Church of Christ . . . is that the same as the Church of Christ?" How do you answer? Do you find it difficult to put your finger on just what it means to be a member of the United Church of Christ? WHO ARE WE? WE ARE THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will help you discover or reaffirm what it means to be a part of our 1.8 million member denomination.

We are not all alike and our differences inform the way we worship. See "We Are Many, Yet One" to learn about 12 local congregations in the United Church of Christ from a variety of backgrounds, including Native American, Japanese, Black and Hungarian. First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., is one of the 12. The article "We Are Many, Yet One" is printed in a publication of Office For Church Life and Leadership, and may be ordered from: Church Leadership Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

The founding and history of First Church include the fact that George Washington Carver was present at the first groundbreaking in May 1908 and that half the 1,000 members emigrated from Atlanta after the Armistice of World War I.

Dr. Homer C. McEwen, pastor, believes, "that the uniqueness of our communion grows out of a faithful effort to preserve and apply to our existential dilemma the Puritan ideals of piety, industry, frugality, intellectualism and sacrificial compassion which the mission teachers and preachers lived and taught to the freed people in the devastated post-war South." He adds, "The modest achievements of this communion during the last 100 years encourage us, a largely exodus people, to be pilgrims with Christ and all who walk with him, towards the land of promise which lies beyond Golgotha."

New Job Opening

The Directorate of the Office for Church in Society is beginning its search for an Executive Director for this new agency of our United Church of Christ.

A copy of the job description is in the Conference Office, and can be secured by writing.

**Desperate shortage
of American Indian
pastors.**

Needed:

Young American Indian
pastors and trained church
leaders for U.C.C. Indian
congregations

**CUIDADO DE LOS
NIÑOS PARA MADRES
QUE TRABAJAN**

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
FOR
WORKING MOTHERS**

Needed:

Bilingual school, child-care,
health, and employment
services for Puerto Ricans
on U.S. mainland

**QUICK
LOANS
AVAILABLE
EASY
TERMS**

Needed:

Consumer protection for the
economically deprived who
are easy victims of profiteers

NIN Neighbors
In Need
All-Church Offering

"HE RESTORES MY SOUL"

The Good Word of a Conference Minister

A greeting used by secretaries all over the country, but especially in the United Church Center, one hears "FTG" spoken with feeling and hope. Translated, it means "Friday, thank God!", meaning we have survived another week of pressure and toil and look forward to two days in another environment.

June for me is like Friday. I am regularly wearier than usual this month, bearing the accumulated burdens of the year, counting the weeks and then days until time of vacation comes. Especially at this time I am aware of all who are wearier than I am for whom there is no vacation: mothers of young children whose days are full of unrelenting demands 365 days a year, the recently bereaved who wake up each morning after fitful sleep to another day of loneliness, breadwinners who are working as hard as they can week after week and still coming out short of enough to pay their bills, the disabled and shut-in people whose inactivity can often be more tiring than ditch digging.

It is at such times that the words of divine comfort spring out at one from the pages of the Bible: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . . Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Especially the words and images of the

How Hear Without A Preacher?

St. Paul rhetorically asked, "How are men to call upon him (Christ) in whom they have not believed? And how are they to hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). These words, of course, apply to us all, for we all need the preaching of the word if we are to believe and call upon our Lord. But the words carry a very special meaning to Native American members of the United Church of Christ.

The U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) has identified the development of indigenous leadership as its number one priority. There are at present only three ordained American Indian pastors to serve our twenty-three Indian congregations!

The 1976 Neighbors in Need all-church offering will, for the first time, support needs formerly met by the American Indian Sunday Offering. \$150,000 of the NIN offering will go to varied ministries of CAIM including its new program of leadership development. Working ecumenically with their counterparts from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches, and with representatives from Cook Christian Training School, the Dakota Leadership Program, and United Theological Seminary, CAIM leaders have planned an innovative and creative program for training American Indian men and women for ministries to Indian communities and churches. Your generous gifts are needed to assure its success. How can they hear without a preacher? And how can preachers (and teachers, and other Christian workers) be trained without your help? Give generously to help your Neighbors in Need!

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New Ministers in SEC

John R. Lackey, formerly pastor at Raleigh (NC) Community Church, Southern Conference, has become the new pastor for Knoxville, Church of the Savior. He and wife, Glendon, have three girls. They begin in Knoxville September 1.

John Rhodes, who served earlier in Southeast Conference, but left to serve a church in Southern Conference, has returned to the Southeast, and serves as pastor at Phenix City First, replacing Alton Nixon. John and Joyce were at Phenix City before their N.C. post.

The new pastor at Macon — Lonzy Edwards, is teaching a course at Fort Valley College on "Criminal Justice and the Law."

Randy Gehres is the new minister of Morgan County Parish, Tenn. The parish includes: Deer Lodge, Lancing (Presby.) and Wartburg (Presby.) churches.

NEW BOOK —

The Life And Work Of Alva Martin Kerr

Rev. Alfred W. Hurst, Congregational minister, has written a book about the editor of *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*, reputed to be the oldest religious newspaper in the world. The Herald had continuous circulation from 1808 until 1931, when it was combined with *The Congregational* at the time of the union of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

"In some respects Alva Kerr was a remarkable person. He was stricken as a boy with an incurable bone disease, which robbed him of one leg and brought him under the surgeon's knife time and again in a running fight to save the other leg. He walked with crutches most of his adult life and was compelled to remain in bed for long periods, many of his editorials being dictated from a hospital bed. He evinced rare courage under handicaps that would have embittered the spirit and quenched the enthusiasm of most people. Despite a lifetime of chronic suffering he forged ahead to become one of the country's outstanding religious editors."

"I believe men and women who hold official posts in conferences and associations of the United Church will find the book of special interest," he said. To secure a copy, order from: Alfred W. Hurst, P.O. Box 366, Elon College, N.C. 27244. A modest charge of a dollar is asked to cover the cost of handling and mailing.

HILLSIDE REACHES OUT TO GERIATRICS



Neither thunder-storms and rain, nor kidney stones and pain, hindered the 25 workers from Hillside C.C. Church, LaGrange, as they gathered for a "First" Bible School series at Royal Elaine Nursing Home. A thought became a deed and living proof was experienced as the blind were led and wheelchairs were pushed into a group for six inspiring sessions. Shown in above pictures are Brenda Chandler leading singing and Pastor David Chandler with patients in Bible-study.

Patterned after Bible School in the church, the program began with music and old hymns, patriotic songs, and Negro Spirituals. Solos by patients proved delightful.

Workers who had been trained by the



pastor led Bible Studies. Patients have prayers and testimonies.

The craft period put everyone to work. Burlap flowers, owls from foam rubber, and leather-topped footstools, later given to patients, were produced.

Refreshments ended the ninety-minute school, with special diets provided by ladies of the church.

It was heart-warming to hear the patients during the day tell about their anticipation and eagerness for the evening session to come. The final night brought tears of celebration as the patients presented each worker with written testimonies of their love and appreciation.

Sara Prince, General Pres.
Women's Fellowship

CLUSTER MEETINGS — Min. & C. E. Leaders

Invited: Teachers, Superintendents, C.E. Committees, Youth Leaders, etc.

To Discuss:

A. Shared Approaches to Church Curriculum: (Concept and resources)

1. Knowing the Word
2. Interpreting the Word
3. Living the Word
4. Doing the Word

Time line for helps in material selection

Time line for teacher & leader training

B. Other matters: Stewardship, Evangelism, Leadership Training, New Annuity Plan, etc.

Schedule for Cluster Meetings: (neighboring churches go to nearest church)

August 28-Braselton, Macedonia Church	3-5 P.M.
August 29-Thomasville, Bethany Church	2-4 P.M.
Sept. 10-South Alabama (Place to be set)	7-10 P.M.
Sept. 11-Roanoke, Lowell Church	3-5 P.M.
Sept. 11-Chattanooga, Pilgrim Church	3-5 P.M.
Sept. 12-Nashville, First Church	6-8 P.M.
Sept. 17-Central Ala., East Tallassee Church	7-10 P.M.
Sept. 18-Columbus, Phenix City	8-? A.M.
Sept. 18-Shawmut, Todd Church	7-? P.M.
Sept. 19-Savannah, First	3-5 P.M.
Oct. 3-Birmingham, Pilgrim Church	4-6 P.M.

Associations to Meet

Ala.-Tenn. — September 25, First Church, Birmingham, Alabama
N. Alabama — October 2, Mountain Grove Church, Hanceville, Alabama
E. Alabama — October 9, First Church, Phenix City, Alabama
S. Ala.-N.W. Fla. — October 16, Pyron's Chapel, Baker, Florida
Central Alabama — October 17, Watson's Chapel, Eclectic, Alabama
Ga-SC — October 23, Federated Church, Demorest, Georgia

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES — 1976

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE, U.C.C.

P. O. BOX 29883, ATLANTA, GA. 30359

Key To Symbols

These resources are available to the Churches in our Conference free of charge. Make your request several weeks in advance, giving the expected use date and alternate choices. Return same immediately after use post paid.

Please handle all resources carefully using only equipment that is in good repair. Check carefully to be sure all scripts-guides are returned also. Be sure to preview all resources before showing.

A—Adults

C—Cassette

F—Frames

J—Junior

JH—Junior High

K—Kindergarten

M—Minutes

P—Primary

R—Recording

S—Reading Script

Y—Youth

All filmstrips are in color and films except those indicated by (B&W).

FILMSTRIPS

BIBLE

- ABRAHAM (S-28f) Story of Abraham (P-J)
- AMOS (S27f) Story of Amos (J)
- FIVE PARABLES OF JESUS (R-10m) Sower, Good Samaritan, Lost Sheep, Talents, Prodigal Son (J-A)
- HEROD, KING OF JUDEA (R-20m) People & Problems Jesus Faced (Y-A)
- JACOB (S-24f) Story of Jacob (J-A)
- JOSIAH (S-30f) Story of King Josiah (P-A)
- LIFE OF CHRIST S (I-38f) (II-37f) Gospel Accounts (J-A)
- LIFE OF PAUL (S-75f) Biography (P-A)
- MOSES (S-37f) Story of Moses (J-JH)
- NEHEMIAH (S-26f) Story of Nehemiah (J-JH)
- ONE STORY OF THE BIBLE (R-18m) Genesis Through Revelation (Y-A)
- PALESTINE IN JESUS' DAY S(I-64f) (II 60f) Physical, Political, occupations & religious beliefs (P-A2)
- PEOPLE OF THE BOOK (R-85f) Development of O.T. writings (Y-A)
- STORY OF JOSEPH (R-18m) Fulfillment of God's Purpose (J-JH)
- WHAT DOWE SEE OF JESUS? S(I-41f) (II-44f) Jesus in Works of Art (P-A2)

CHURCH AND MINISTRY

- ALIVE (R-118f) Meaning of Resurrection & Missions Today (J-A)
- COUNCIL OF NICAEEA (R-110f) 325 A.D. meeting (Y-A)
- COVENANT, THE S(I-47) (II-48) Survey of O.T. & Today's Covenants (Y-A)
- FESTIVAL OF PASSOVER, THE (S-9m) Explanation of Observance (JH-A)
- NEW PILGRIMAGE, A (R-79f) Information on Cocu (Y-A)
- TANGIBLE EVIDENCE, A (S-66f) UCC origin & instrumentalities (Y-A)
- THIS SUSTAINING BREAD (R-67f) Symbolism of Bread (Y-A)
- WHY WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK (R-12m) Last week of Jesus' Life (P-J)

FOR CHILDREN

- GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD (S-69f) Creation (P-A) (2)
- MATTER OF STRIPES, A (R-50f) Self-image (P-J)
- NEW NEIGHBORS FROM CUBA (R-55f) Church settling refugee family (P-J)

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN TODAY'S WORLD R(I-11m) (II-12m) Understanding women in the world (Y-A)
- CLIFF DWELLERS, THE (S-70f) Apartment Life and the Church (Y-A)
- CRESCENDO (R-12m) Tracing the black protest (Y-A)
- FACE TO THE FUTURE (S-58f) Migratory labor system (JH-A)
- FOR ALL YOU HAVE (R-14m) Wills Emphasis Kit (Y-A)
- HIDE OR GO SEEK (R-94f) Christian Education motivation (J-A)
- HOW THINGS HIDE PEOPLE (R-12m) Poverty in U.S.A. (Y-A)
- HUNGER IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY (C-20m) (SA) I Was Hungry Kit (Y-A)
- IS YOUR CHURCH BURNING? (R-55f) Crisis of racism (JH-A)
- LAITY IS ME... WITH YOU... IN THE WORLD (R-252f) Living faith (Y-A)
- LIBERATE THE CAPTIVES (R-82f) Organizing of the poor (Y-A)
- MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER (S-59f) Man in community (JH-A)

MEN FOR OTHERS — THE WORLD COME OF AGE — I

- (R-10m) "God-life" and "good-life" (Y-A)
- MEN FOR OTHERS — THE CHURCH COME OF AGE — II (R-11m) Application of the Gospel to Life (Y-A)
- MEN FOR OTHERS — THE 'I AND THOU' OF IT (R-12m) Person to person relationships (Y-A)
- MEN FOR OTHERS — WHERE THE ACTION IS — VI (R-10m) Evangelism (Y-A)
- ROLES AND GOALS (R-89f) "Generation-gap" bridge (Y-A)
- THIS FAMILY CALLED MAN (R-110f) Crisis in the Nation's gifts (JH-A) (Y-A)
- TWO FACES OF FAITH, THE (R) Christian expressions of missions (Y-A)
- WHAT WILL YOU DO? (R-9m) Wills Emphasis Kit (Y-A)
- WHERE THE ACTION IS (R-23m) Role of Church in Community (Y-A)

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

- CAMPING IS AGELESS (R-77f) Senior Citizens Participation (A)
- CAMPING WITH JUNIOR HIGHS (S-88f) Training leaders (A)
- DAY CAMPING FOR YOUR CHURCH (S-47f) Jr. boys experiences (A)
- DISCOVERING THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN (C-24f) A training design (Y-A)
- DISPLAY (S-40f) Outline of possibilities (A)
- FACE TO FACE (R-18m) Analysis of young adults (Y-A)
- FIRST FRUITS (S-23f) Authorized Contribution Transfer Service (A)
- FLANNEL BOARD (S-36f) Principles and Construction (A)
- FLAT PICTURES (S-35f) Value of teaching tool (A)
- HOW JOHN GROWS UP IN MISSION (R-746) Mission education (Y-A)
- HOW TO ORGANIZE FOR AUDIO VISUALS IN YOUR CHURCH (R-14m) (Y-A)
- HOW TO USE FILMSTRIPS IN YOUR CHURCH (R-9m) (Y-A)
- HOW TO USE MOTION PICTURES IN YOUR CHURCH (R-9m) (Y-A)
- IT WORKS (R) Use of "Guide for Christian Enlistment" (A)
- LOOK AT THE CHURCH'S EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY (C-15m) (SA Kit) (Y-A)
- MEN FOR OTHERS — Room full of Miracles IV (R-12m) Church Committees witness and mission (Y-A)
- MEN FOR OTHERS — People Who Like People V (R-13m) Visitation evangelism (Y-A)
- MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE (R-76f) Teaching experiences (Y-A)
- NURSERY LEADERSHIP — (S-106f) Teacher & parent training (A)
- PLANNING AND CONDUCTING VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (S-66f) (Y-A)
- SHALOM (S-80f) Shalom concept in education (A)
- TACKBOARD (S-34f) Use of bulletin boards (J-A)
- TEACHING IN THE KINDERGARTEN (S-92f) Teacher Training (A)
- TEACHING THIRD & FOURTH GRADERS (R-88f) Leader & parent training (A)
- TEACHING YOURSELF TO TEACH (R) Teacher Training Kit (Y-A)
- WHY USE AUDIO-VISUALS IN YOUR CHURCH (R-8m) (4m) (16mm film) (Y-A)
- OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION
- General:
- AN APPLE IS TO EAT (R-12m) OCWM at work (Y-A)
- CREATIVE COMPASSION (R-87f) CWS work abroad (Y-A)
- CRUSADE AGAINST HUNGER (R-107f) Church's war against hunger (Y-A)

DAILY BREAD (R-28m) Needs of man & bounty of God (Y-A)
DOLLARS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE (S-98f) UCCBHM work (Y-A)
EQUALITY THROUGH EDUCATION (R-52f) 17-76 BHM Campaign (Y-A)
FACTORS THAT CONFRONT US, THE (R-13m) 7 major world problems (Y-A)
FRONTIERS THAT CALL US, THE (R-11m) New mission fields (Y-A)
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ONE TRAVELER (R-18m) Human needs and CWS response (Y-A)
QUAKE (R-9m) CWS in Peru (J-A)
TIME TO REJOICE (R-35m) Missions of the UCC (Y-A)
TOUR OF AMA COLLEGES (C) 17-76 campaign (Y-A)
 Homeland Ministries:
ABIDE WITH US (R-62f) History & Ministry of Emmaus House (Y-A)
LISTEN TO JEROME (R-12m) NIN emphasis (J-A)
NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR (S-60f) Visit of ministries (Y-A)
PUPPY FOR JOSE (S-74f) Migrant family (P-J)
RYDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (S-65f) Puerto Rico hospital (Y-A)
 World Ministries:
BOYS AND GIRLS OF BURMA (R-67f) Life in crayon drawings (P-J)
BREAD IS FOR LAUGHTER (R-12m) Hunger & CWS (JH-A)
BRIDGES TO BUILD IN TURKEY (C-15m) Building love and understanding (Y-A)
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CHURCH ALIVE IN JAPAN (R-15m) Missions in Japan (JH-A)
DEAR FRIEND (R-70f) East Pakistan refugees (JH-A)
DRUMBEAT TO DIALOGUE (R-90f) African missions (Y-A)
FACE TO THE FUTURE (S-58f) South African Migrant workers (JH-A)
FOCUS ON AFRICA (R-15m) Ecumenical missions (Y-A)
FROM SIGNAL HILL (S-72f) Philippine literacy (Y-A)
FROM UPPER ROOM TO CROWDED STREET (R-12m) Hong Kong Christian Study Center (JH-A)
GREAT WALL, THE (R-73f) Old & new China (Y-A)
HELP THEM TO KNOW GOD'S LOVE (R-12f) OGHs (JH-A)
HIDDEN WAR - HIDDEN PEACE (R-58f) Sudan rehabilitation (J-A)
IN THE LAND OF FUYISAN (R-96f) Japanese life (J-A)
JESUS CHRIST FREES AND UNITES (C) Overseas mission (J-A)
JOAO'S LIFE AT SCHOOL (R-12m) Angolan life (J-A)
MORE THAN WARMTH (R-15m) United Clothing Appeal (Y-A)
MY SISTER HILWA (R-20m) Jordan family (P-A)
OUR CENTURY IN CENTRAL INDIA (C-16m) Oscar Lohs missionary (Y-A)
A PEOPLE IN AGONY (R-84f) Vietnam Christian Service (Y-A)
PINCH A PENNY — PITCH A PENNY (R-14m) Sharing (K-A)
SENDING & THE SENT, THE (R-22m) Foreign missions (JH-A)
SIXTY DAYS AROUND THE WORLD MISSION TOUR (S-88) (JH-A)
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RECORDINGS

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CELEBRATION SHARING AND SOUNDS S.A. Celebration Pkt (Y-A)
FEELINGS CIRCUS S.A. Packet with Guide & Mural (K-P)
FOR MATURE ADULTS ONLY Poems & Prayers by teens (Y-A)
FRAGMENTS FROM AN UNKNOWN GOSPEL Reflection Pkt. (MH-A)
GENTLE REVOLUTION Fragments from an Unknown Gospel Pkt (MH-A)
GO TELL EVERYONE Original folk-style church songs (Y)
HYMNS FOR WORSHIP-ADULTS
HYMNS FOR WORSHIP-JUNIOR
HYMNS FOR WORSHIP-JUNIOR HIGH
HYMNS FOR WORSHIP-PRIMARY RHYTHMS (2)
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR A rock opera (Y-A)
JOY OF EASTER, THE Worship service & discussion of music used
KINDERGARTEN SONGS & RHYTHMS (2)
LET THE COSMOS RING Songs & poems of hope, joy & peace (Y-A)
LISTEN TO US NORTH AMERICA — Latin American attitudes (Y-A)
LIVING PARABLES Folkstyle by Clarence Jordan (Y-A)
MAKING DECISIONS Discussion of cheating & outsiders (Y)
MAKING UP MY MIND Interviews on vocation, college, self-appraisal & influences (Y)
METAMORPHOSIS — Clarence Jordan lectures
ON THE THIRD DAY Drama of Emmaus Road (Y-A)
REFLECTIONS ON VIETNAM Time for Peace Packet (Y)
RICHARD PURVIS — PIPE ORGAN Religious (A)
SONGS OF FREEDOM Vision of Shalom (Y)
SOUNDS & SOUNDINGS FROM S. E. ASIA Attitudes & cultural facts (Y-A)
TALK WITH JUNIOR HIGHS Christian view of biological facts (Y-A)
THOUGHTS ON GROWING UP - HOW TO INTERVIEW CHILDREN (P-A)
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WHEN JESUS PRAYED — Service of Worship (J-A)
WORLDS OF YOUTH — Poetry & monologues on youth concerns (Y)

CASSETTES

ADULTS AND THE BIBLE Teacher training for Knowing the Word (A)
CHURCH AND THE BICENTENNIAL, THE Discussion starter (A)
METAMORPHOSIS Study-Action Kit — Sermons by Clarence Jordan
PLANNING FOR EDUCATION IN THE CONGREGATION Leader-on-tape (SA) Planning
YOUNG ADULTS & THE BIBLE Teacher training for Knowing the Word.
YOUTH AND THE BIBLE — Teacher training

ADDITIONAL NOTE

Cooperative Film Library, Room 303, 1801 Sixth Ave., N., Birmingham, Al. 35203, offers a service to Alabama churches and other religious organizations. Southeast Conference as one of the seven member denominations, makes it possible for UCC churches to have access to films. By filling in the application for membership and payment of \$4.00 service charge for each film used, a congregation may become a member: (Use above address to make application)

CONGREGATION _____
 DENOMINATION _____
 MAILING ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 ZIP _____
 NAME & POSITION OF PERSON SUBMITTING APPLICATION _____
 MEMBERS IN CONGREGATION _____
 DATE OF APPLICATION _____

A First For Southern Alabama

The first of several Mission Seminars to be held throughout the Conference will take place at Lanett C.C. Church on October 29, 30, 31. Sponsored by the Conference Commission on Outreach, the Stewardship Council, Board for Homeland Ministries and Board for World Ministries, pastors and lay people from the Southern Alabama Area are invited to explore the theme, "Empowering the Church in Third Century America." With ample opportunity for discussion with top national leadership, newest materials for stewardship education and promotion available, the wonderful and exciting story of Our Christian World Mission will be told by people from around the country involved with that mission.

The Seminar is designed to help local church leaders understand better our mission work and how local churches can become more closely related to the denomination, the Conference, and to one another as we carry on Christ's great commission at the beginning of third century America.

Under leadership of David Langerhans and George Siudy, Jr., of the Stewardship Council, seminar participants will learn about the best materials for use by local churches in preparation for their annual Christian Enlistment. Paul Gregory, General Secretary for Mission, B.W.M., will have the latest information on our world mission work, and Pressley Ingram of Birmingham will relate the story of his recent visit to Africa. John DeBoer, Secretary for New Church Development of the Board for Homeland Ministries, will tell the fascinating story of our mission in the United States. Dr. Andes and Warren Blankenhorn will share the Conference and Association mission story.

There will be a showing of the newest filmstrip, "Let's Celebrate the Church," times for worship, song, devotion, reflection, food, and fellowship.

Attendance will be by invitation of the Outreach Commission upon the recommendation of local pastors in the Southern Alabama Area.

Henry W. Tuttle

Strunk Leaves Pleasant Hill

Rev. Larry Strunk, Administrator of UPLANDS Retirement Center and Nursing Home at Pleasant Hill, Tn., resigned his post to become the new Administrator of United Church Retirement Home, Inc., at Newton, N.C., Southern Conference.

Mr. Strunk had been at Uplands for three years, and his wife assisted in the nursing care at Wharton Home.

The Uplands Board of Directors is seeking someone to replace Mr. Strunk, who begins his new task October 1st.

UCC Membership Exchange Program Begins

Beginning May 1, 1976, a United Church of Christ family that moves will be contacted by a UCC church pastor within thirty days of arrival in its new neighborhood. This contact will result from a new experimental Membership Exchange Program. The plan will be initiated by the local pastor from whose parish the family has moved and will be set in motion by a standard information postcard sent by the pastor to the new conference office serving the family's new community. It is estimated that up to 20,000 UCC families move annually and could be benefitted by this program.

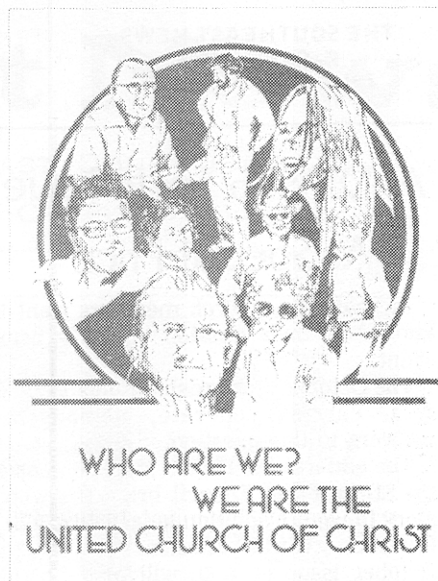
The Membership Exchange Program was voted by the Council of Conference Executives at its annual meeting in January, upon recommendation by that body's evangelism subcommittee. The Council of Conference Executives has provided the postcard to all conference offices. These, in turn, have supplied cards to congregations for use by pastors. An annual survey of results will be made, and final evaluation, prior to the 12th General Synod. A boost to the Identity issue, it also promotes cooperative effectiveness between churches, conferences, and national agencies of the United Church of Christ.

PERSONALS

Rev. George A. Fidler, pastor of St. John's Church, Cullman, Ala., marked his 8th Anniversary on June 13, 1976, at this Church. Statistically speaking, 354 new members were added, 68 adults and 58 infants were baptized, income has gone from \$17,000 to about \$50,000. "I could not have done it alone!", he said. "With God's help, I can do more than I ever thought I could — and with the congregation's help there is no limit to what we can accomplish. But with all that help, the Ministry is a lonely business. Decisions have to be made, and the Minister has to make them. I have made some errors, but my errors are mistakes of judgement and not mistakes of the heart. My intent is to make Christ more real to you and to myself through the joy of serving."

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Hawkins, now serving the Montgomery, Ala., First Church, announce the birth of a boy August 1, 1976, named George Carver, Jr.

Rev. John Louis Giles, Associate Pastor at First Church, Atlanta, has resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, LaGrange, Georgia. He and family have moved to LaGrange.



WE ARE MANY, YET ONE

We are not all alike and our differences inform the way we worship. Read the article "We Are Many, Yet One," and learn about 12 local congregations in the United Church of Christ from many backgrounds. Another article "United Church of Christ: A Beautiful, Heady Exasperating Mix" by Oliver Powell is reprinted from A.D. Explorations based on this article help a local church group understand what it means to belong to the United Church of Christ. We help support seminaries that train leaders. Learn about the 7 closely related seminaries and the regional support plan, and how the plan affects your Conference in "Seminaries and the U.C.C." A poster, self-adhesive seals and sample tablemat of the United Church of Christ emblem visually remind us that we share the belief "that all may be one." An introduction to the new **United Church of Christ Hymnal**, resource list and material from other instrumentalities are included.

These resources were prepared by the Office for Church Life and Leadership to answer the expressed need of many local church people for resources to help understand what it means to be part of the United Church of Christ and to enhance our ability to explain it to others.

The packet on the identity of the United Church of Christ is the second packet of Church Life Resources for Laity and Clergy for 1976-1977. Order packet for \$2.50 or both the Wake Up and Identity packets for \$5.50 (Prices include postage and handling.) from — Church Life Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. Photo from second packet.

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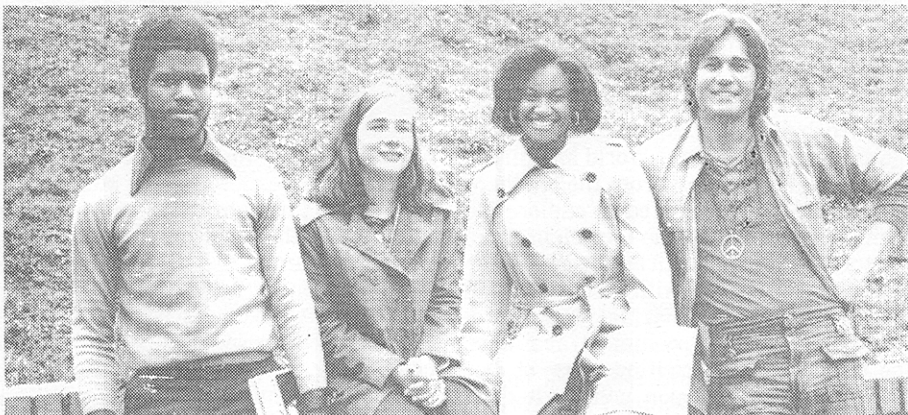
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Left to right: Maurice Boler, Carol Blakeley, Cassandra Young, Fred Harper.

YOUTH TEAM BEGINS WORK

High praise for the Bonanza U.C.C. Church was given by the four young persons of the Georgia YET (Youth Empowerment Team) when they met with the state project steering committee

in Macon Saturday, August 7th. Bonanza was the first local church the team visited. "They made us so welcome and they invited us back," said Carol Blakeley, one of the Team members.

Missionaries Available

The Office of Communication has recently notified us that two UCC missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Donald K. Abbott, expect to spend the next year at Koinonia Community, Rt. 2, Americus, Ga. 31709.

If you would wish a visit from the Abbott, please write them directly

SEC Member Coop.

Film Library

What no congregation or denomination could do alone, seven denominations have decided to do together. Southeast Conference has joined with seven denominations in the Cooperative Film Library, Room 303, 1801 Sixth Ave., N. Birmingham, AL 35203. Application for church membership may be made to above address using the form below:

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Outstanding Alumnus

Dr. Walter A. Graham, retired banker and chairman of the board of Peoples Bank of Pembroke, Pembroke, Ky., was named Outstanding Alumnus for 1976 at Kentucky Wesleyan College commencement.

Dr. Graham is former President of Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Ala.

He Restores [From Page 1]

23rd Psalm come to mind: "... green pastures ... still waters ... He restores my soul."

Sometimes we must learn the lesson our hearts know, how to keep going and going, snatching rest and renewal in little moments between beats. The very worst thing anybody whose soul is depleted can do is to spend all the little moments of the day in self pity and bitter resentment.

Often the first step on the way to rest and renewal is gratitude. I once called regularly on a lady whose body was paralyzed on one side. One day I came to her room and found her smiling and singing. "I've been counting my blessings," she said. Our weariness would be only half as heavy if we could get the habit of thinking how we are blessed. Keeping score on the unkindness of others is fruitless and destructive.

Most of all, God's love is the supreme renewer of the spirit. If we can let our minds rest two minutes an hour, and try to redeem our duties by turning them into labors of love, we'll find they get lighter and less wearisome.

Nat. M. Guptill
(Connecticut Conference)